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From: Richard Manning <rmanning@getliberty.org>
Date: April 3, 2018 at 5:50:50 PM EDT
To: "bennett.tate@epa.gov" <bennett.tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt defense scheduled to go up in TheHill.com

From: Kelsey Rupp <krupp@thehill.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 5:48 PM
To: Richard Manning <rmanning@getliberty.org>
Subject: Re: Contributor - PRUITT DEFENSE

Your column is scheduled for 6:30pm ET. Thank you again! thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/381508-epa-chief-scott-pruitt-gets-results-thats-why-hes-a-target-of-the

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On Tue, Apr 3, 2018 at 5:37 PM, Richard Manning <rmanning@getliberty.org> wrote:

Thank you.

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To: Richard Manning <rmanning@getliberty.org>
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Here's my edited version. Will have a link and time for you soon.

President Donald Trump is standing by his embattled Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt, according to reports. Let's be clear, that is good thing for both Trump and the country. Pruitt is one of the shining stars of the Trump administration, and no one who supports the president's "Make America Great Again" agenda should want him replaced.

Current complaints about Pruitt's living arrangements in Washington, D.C., are mostly politically motivated. As the designated agency ethics official for the EPA explained:

"Entering into the lease was consistent with federal ethics regulations regarding gifts, and use of the property in accordance with the lease agreement did not constitute a gift as defined in those regulations."

Yet some hope that by attacking Pruitt on fake ethics charges, the media-created scandal will cause the Trump White House to either foolishly force Pruitt out or cause him to throw up his hands in disgust and resign.

This would be a disaster for President Trump and all of us who care about his success.

EPA Administrator Pruitt has been instrumental in taking on the difficult task of rolling back Obama era regulations and in his first year has already completed 22 deregulatory actions, saving more than a billion dollars in regulatory costs.

Something as benign as Pruitt's recently announced effort to make certain that the methodology of the science the EPA uses to make regulatory determinations is transparent and the results are repeatable, has come under fire from former Obama-era EPA administrators Gina McCarthy and Janet McCabe called it, "his latest effort to cripple the agency."

It would seem that making sure the science behind major economy-shattering regulations is actually accurate and that the data is available for public scrutiny should be standard. Yet, incredibly, Pruitt is having to fight for the sake of establishing sound science that meets the basic criteria of the scientific method in order to restore valid underpinnings for environmental regulations.

Pruitt is even having to re-evaluate the Obama administration's controversial and arbitrary fuel efficiency standard that set a car and light truck fleet average of 50 miles per gallon by 2025, regardless of whether it was technologically possible to achieve it. Effectively, this policy would force auto makers to sell expensive-to-produce electric vehicles to consumers at a loss in order to be able to sell customers the trucks and other gasoline-consuming vehicles that they want at significantly increased prices.

The changes announced by the EPA have left open what the fuel efficiency standards will be, and likely will end the state of California's waiver to federal law allowing the rogue state to compel stricter standards under the Clean Air Act.

President Trump can expect to hear an uproar from states like California and New York over Pruitt's smart decision on Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards, but when Administrator Pruitt prevails on this issue, it will help the president achieve his goal of putting the American auto industry back on top. Pruitt is doing the hard work to achieve the Trump agenda and taking the political and personal attacks that are part of battling the environmental industry driving American manufacturing to the breaking point.

We are talking about more than angry letter writing. In fact, Pruitt and his family have been subjected to a significant stream of personal threats from radical environmentalists. The threats have become so severe that the EPA inspector general, who is tasked with the physical safety of the administrator, now provides 24/7 protection for him and his family.

Incredibly, Pruitt gets zero credit from the left for increasing Superfund clean-up efforts designed to restore polluted sites to usability. He gets zero credit for enforcement actions that resulted in the second highest level of civil and administrative fine collections in the past decade, falling short of only FY 2016 which included a massive BP settlement. He gets zero credit because these critics are less concerned with cleaning up legitimate messes, than strangling the American manufacturing sector today and into the future.

President Donald Trump can and should be proud of his administrator's efforts at the EPA. Scott Pruitt is moving the Trump agenda forward and ensuring that the environment remains protected while our economic engines roar back to life.

Scott Pruitt is excelling at his job, and that is why he is the target of those who want to see the Trump administration fail. The president needs to recognize this and stand by his chief general in the war against the regulatory stranglehold that was left by Obama. To be persuaded to make a personnel change at the EPA would be a disastrous mistake for his policy agenda. Most importantly, it would be a bad, bad decision for America's future.

Rick Manning is president of Americans for Limited Government

On Tue, Apr 3, 2018 at 4:54 PM, Richard Manning <rmanning@getliberty.org> wrote:

Fantastic. Thank you.

Rick

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Actually I can publish this afternoon

On Tue, Apr 3, 2018 at 4:33 PM, Richard Manning <rmanning@getliberty.org> wrote:

Scott Pruitt's EPA leadership should make Trump proud

By Rick Manning

President Donald Trump has come under fire for supposed turmoil in his administration, yet those who are trying to create this negative narrative are among those attempting to undermine Scott Pruitt, and his continuance as EPA Administrator.

Let's be clear. Scott Pruitt is one of the shining stars of the Trump Administration, and no one who backed the President's "Make America Great Again" agenda and his presidential run could possibly want him replaced.

The fact is that complaints against Pruitt are largely politically motivated. In one case, the left tried to make a big deal out of his living arrangements in D.C., even though the designated agency ethics official for the EPA wrote, "Entering into the lease was consistent with federal ethics regulations regarding gifts, and use of the property in accordance with the lease agreement did not constitute a gift as defined in those regulations."

Yet some hope that by attacking Pruitt on fake ethics charges, the created media scandal will cause the Trump White House to either foolishly force Pruitt out or cause him to throw up his hands in disgust and resign.

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actions<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-03/documents/year_in_review_3.5.18.pdf>, saving more than a billion dollars in regulatory costs.

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effort<.././AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/QY7RQOYQ/Daily%20Caller%20interview> to make certain that the methodology of the science the EPA uses to make regulatory determinations is transparent and the results are repeatable, have come under fire from Obama's EPA head Gina

McCarthy<<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/380451-former-epa-heads-dont-be-fooled-by-secret-science-argument>> who called it, "his latest effort to cripple the agency."

It would seem that making certain that underlying science behind major economy shattering regulations is actually accurate should be a bare minimum standard. Yet, incredibly, Pruitt is having to fight those with a radical agenda in favor of re-establishing sound science that meets the basic criteria of the scientific method in order to restore valid underpinnings for environmental regulations.

Pruitt is even having to re-evaluate the Obama Administration's controversial and arbitrary fuel efficiency standard<<http://www.autonews.com/article/20180402/OEM11/180409926/trump-epa-cafe-standards>> that set a car and light truck fleet average of 50 miles per gallon by 2025 regardless of whether it was technologically possible to achieve it. The Obama sub-rosa goal was to force auto makers to sell expensive to produce electric vehicles to consumers at a significant loss in order to be able to sell customers trucks and other gasoline consuming vehicles that they want at significantly increased prices.

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President Trump can expect to hear an uproar from California and New York over Pruitt's smart decision on Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards, but when Administrator Pruitt prevails on this issue, it will help the President achieve his goal of making the American auto industry great again. Just another example of Pruitt doing the hard work to achieve the Trump agenda and taking the political and personal attacks that are part of battling the environmental industrial complex which has driven American manufacturing to the breaking point.

And the environmental warriors who Pruitt has offended are not simply letter writers. Instead, Pruitt and his family have been subjected to a significant stream of personal threats from radical environmentalists. The threats have become so severe that the EPA Inspector General who is tasked with the physical safety of the Administrator has begun to provide 24/7

protection<<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/02/15/scott-pruitt-first-class-travel-epa-351669>> for him and his family. That's right, even Scott Pruitt's family has been threatened by the environmental mob. Yet, he continues fighting to end the massive overreach by the former administration.

Incredibly, Pruitt gets zero credit from the left for increasing Superfund clean-up efforts<<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-2017-annual-environmental-enforcement-results>> designed to restore polluted sites to usability. He gets zero credit for enforcement actions that resulted in the second highest level of civil and administrative fine collections in the past decade<<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-2017-annual-environmental-enforcement-results>>, falling short of only FY 2016 which included a massive BP settlement. He gets zero credit because these so-called environmentalists are less concerned with cleaning up legitimate messes, than strangling the American manufacturing sector today and into the future.

President Donald Trump can and should be proud of his Administrator's efforts at the EPA. Scott Pruitt is moving the Trump agenda forward and ensuring that the environment remains protected while our economic engines roar back to life.

Scott Pruitt is excelling at his job, and that is why he has come under withering attack from those who want to see President Trump fail. The President needs to recognize this and stand by his chief general in the war against the regulatory stranglehold that was left by Obama, including ending the war on coal, and not be tricked into making a change due to the fake news tactics that his critics so often use against him. That would be a disastrous mistake that would make #NeverTrumpers laugh out loud while dismaying the President's friends. Most importantly, it would be a bad, bad decision for America's future.

The author is President of Americans for Limited Government

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Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 4:23 PM

To: Kelsey Rupp (krupp@thehill.com) <krupp@thehill.com>

Subject: Contributor - PRUITT DEFENSE

Kelsey: Scott Pruitt is under intense attack and this piece defending him is hot and would need to run tomorrow. I am having my senior editor give it a final review, and I will have it to you within fifteen minutes if you want it.

Thank you,

Rick

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